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BOROUGH OF TENTERDEN (KENT)

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health
and of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the
Year 1962

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1962.

Home Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 4,970 which represents an increase of 70 over that of the previous year.

Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 74 (39 M. 35 F.) an increase of 12 over that of the previous year and the corresponding crude birth rate was 14.89 which after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor to allow comparison with the birth-rate of other Districts, becomes 15.19 and was somewhat lower than that of 18.0 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

Two stillbirths (2 M.) were registered and the stillbirth rate was accordingly 26.32 compared with that of 18.1 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Infant Mortality Rate

There was only one infant death due to:-

Severe erythroblastosis fetalis - 18 hours

The Infantile Mortality Rate was accordingly 13.51 and being lower than that of 21.4 for England and Wales, compensates for the higher stillbirth rate, although the figures are too small for valid comparative rates.

The hard core of causes of Perinatal Mortality (i.e. stillbirths and infant deaths under one week of age) are prematurity, asphyxia and atelectasis, birth injury and congenital malformations, and the chief maternal factor is toxæmia of pregnancy.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

There were no deaths due to Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion.

Total Deaths and Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 105 (47 M. 58 F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 21.13; this high crude rate is due to two factors, namely to the higher proportion of aged residents and to West View Chronic Sick Hospital where the mortality is naturally higher and from which deaths are assigned to the Borough when a patient has been resident for more than six months. The Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution allows for these factors and after adjustment the crude rate becomes reduced to 11.20 which affords comparison with that of 11.9 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths was those from natural causes amongst the aged i.e. Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System; of those there were 64.

Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart was the cause of 9 (3 M. 6 F.) or approximately 14% of those deaths. The numbers of deaths were in the following age-groups; between 61 and 70 years 4; between 71 and 80 years 4;

over 80 years 1. Although the causation of disease of the Coronary Artery is still obscure it is probable that a degenerative factor is associate with it.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths, of which there were 20, mostly amongst the aged. Complete cure can be effected if the diagnosis is established reasonably early, but delay by patients, particularly the elderly in seeking medical advice, having regard, however, to the insidious nature of the disease, is the most common factor, associated with late diagnosis.

Cancer of the Lung caused 3 (2 M. 1 F.) deaths. The ages at death were 59, 61 and 62 years.

Cancer of the Breast caused 5 deaths, although the site is superficial compared to that of the lung, and should facilitate earlier diagnosis and treatment.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no exceptional incidence.

The Infectious Diseases

The incidence of the Infectious Diseases was at a minimum throughout the year. There was no case of the more serious infections, namely Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Enteric Fever, Meningitis etc., and it is noteworthy that there was no case of Whooping Cough which was in all probability due to the barrier created by preventive vaccination.

Measles

This was a non-epidemic year, only 8 cases having been notified. The virus is however always present amongst children and outbreaks occur when a sufficient number of susceptible children has accumulated. The serious complications, namely Bronchopneumonia, Acute Otitis Media and Acute Encephalitis in that order of frequency are comparatively rare, but may occasionally occur during an epidemic.

Scarlet Fever

Four sporadic cases were notified. In its present phase the disease is comparatively mild and its serious complications namely Carditis, Acute Suppurative Otitis Media and Acute Nephritis rarely supervene today, although the latter may occur more frequently and unexpectedly.

No other cases of Infectious Disease were notified.

Tuberculosis

It is noteworthy to record that no new case of Respiratory Tuberculosis was notified, compared with four in the previous year.

One case of Non-Respiratory (Tuberculous Epididymitis) was notified, but this disease is very rare.

There was no death which is a reflection of the efficacy of modern treatment.

In conclusion, I would state that the Public Health of the Borough was very satisfactory throughout the year, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest in the work of the Department and also the staff for their efficiency and co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Central Public Health Office,
14, Church Road,
Ashford, Kent.
Tel: No; Ashford 1485.

J. MARSHALL M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

SECTION A.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1962.

Area:- 8,946 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	4,970
Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books ..				1,730
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£73,140
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£285

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Tenterden Borough is a corporate member of the Cinque Ports as a Limb of the Ancient Town of Rye, and as such has retained its identity, its historical traditions and characteristic charm.

The Borough is largely a residential district, being surrounded by wide rural areas affords a convenient and good shopping centre. Its chief business interests are associated with those of agriculture, as being the main industry.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

					<u>Tenterden</u> <u>Borough</u>	<u>England</u> <u>and</u> <u>Wales</u>	
		<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>			
1.	<u>Live Births</u>	74	39	35	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	14.89 (Adjusted Rate 15.19)	18.0
	(a) Legitimate	69	36	33			
	(b) Illegitimate	5	3	2			
2.	<u>Stillbirths</u>	2	2	-	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	26.32	18.1
	(a) Legitimate	2	2	-			
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3.	<u>Total live and still births</u>	76	41	35			
4.	<u>Deaths</u>	105	47	58	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	21.13 (Adjusted Rate 11.20)	11.9
5.	<u>Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	Nil	Not Availabl
6.	<u>Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age</u>	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	13.51	21.4
	(a) Legitimate	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 live births (legitimate)	14.49	
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate)	-	
7.	<u>Deaths of infants under Four Weeks of Age</u>	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	13.51	15.6
	(a) Legitimate	1	1	-			
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
8.	<u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u>					6.76%	
9.	Deaths from Cancer (all ages)			...	...	20	
	Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)			...	...	-	
	Deaths from Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea			...	...	1	
	Deaths from Measles			...	...	-	

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year.

Measles	...	...	8
Whooping Cough	...	...	-
Scarlet Fever	...	...	4

CAUSES OF DEATH IN TENTERDEN BOROUGH

DURING 1962

ALL CAUSES				<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
				47	58
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	-	-
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	1	-
Diphtheria	...	...	...	-	-
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	-	-
Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	-	-
Measles	...	...	...	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	-	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	6	5
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	-	-
Diabetes	...	...	...	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	7	5
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	3	6
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	1	-
Other heart disease	...	...	...	14	25
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	1	2
Influenza	...	...	...	-	-
Pneumonia	...	...	...	1	1
Bronchitis	...	...	...	2	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	-	-
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	4	4
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	-	1
All other accidents	...	...	...	-	-
Suicide	...	...	...	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1962

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>			<u>Deaths</u>			<u>Total Cases on Register</u>	
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	3
1 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	2
5 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-		
15 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-		
25 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-		
35 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-		
45 ...	-	-	1	-	-	-		
55 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-		
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	-	-	1	-	-	-		

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.

IMMUNISATION

The following table shows the diphtheria immunisation and whooping cough immunisation figures for 1962 based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Diphtheria Immunisation</u> (Singly or in combination)		<u>Whooping Cough Immunisation</u> (Singly or in combination)
	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Reinforcing</u>	<u>Primary</u>
1962	25	Nil	25
1961	29	1	29
1960	2	39	2
1959	Nil	8	Nil
1958	1	1	Nil
1953-1957	1	22	Nil
1948-1952	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	58	71	56

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

The following table shows the smallpox vaccination figures for 1962 based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health.

<u>Age at Date of Vaccination</u>	<u>Number Vaccinated</u>	<u>Number Re-Vaccinated</u>
Under 1	46	-
1	2	-
to 4	9	3
to 14	17	4
15 or Over	10	41
Total	84	48

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following are the poliomyelitis vaccination figures for 1962 based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health

<u>Year</u>	<u>1 Injections</u> (SALK)	<u>3rd Dose</u> (SALK and ORAL)	<u>4th Dose</u> (SALK and ORAL)	<u>3 ORALS</u> (Complete Course)
1962	-	-	-	5
1961	-	23	-	32
1957 - 1960	16	42	-	9
1943 - 1956	1	17	45	5
1933 - 1942	8	25	-	4
Others	9	103	-	13

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year:-

	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical Examination</u>		
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>
Statutory supply undertakings	12	12	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and as far as is known none of the supplies are plumbo-solvent.

- (B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies. 16 (Actual)
- (ii) Number of dwellings in the area 1,740
- (iii) Number of houses supplied from standpipes 5
- (C) Brief details as to extensions of water mains during the year:- New supplies to new housing estates at Mill Farm and Turner Land. Extension of mains with new booster to serve St. Michaels area.
- (D) Action taken in respect of any form of contamination - None

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A scheme is in preparation for a new town sewerage system.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

- (i) (a) the number of food premises in the area ... 71
- (b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955
- (i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... 26
- (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... 5
- (c) the number of inspections of registered food premises 12
- (d) the method of disposal of condemned food - Deeply buried or burnt

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses	...	None
Butchers and meat products manufacturers	...	6
Catering Establishment and Clubs	...	6
Dairies	...	2
Fish (including fried)	...	2

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 (Contd.)

Licenced Premises	1
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	2
All other Food Premises	None

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955) ... 1

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served ... 1

Milk and Dairies

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 (Part 111)

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part 111)

Number of registered distributors ... 10

Number of registered dairies ... 2 registered by K.C.C.

Number of Slaughter-houses in use - None

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Meat ... 12 lbs.
Tinned Meat... 3 "

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

(Summary of quarterly returns by local authorities to Ministry of Housing and Local Government in P.13. Hsg. for the year ending 31st December, 1962)

A. Houses demolished

In Clearance Areas
(Housing Act 1957)

	<u>Houses Demolished</u>	<u>Displaced during year</u>	
		<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Sections 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

B. Unfit Houses Closed

- (5) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957
- (6) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957
- (7) Parts of Buildings closed under (Section 18, Housing Act, 1957

Number

6

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C. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied

	<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>
(8) After informal action by local authority	10	-
(9) After formal notice under -		
(a) Public Health Acts	6	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	-	-
(10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	-	-

D. Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)

<u>Position at end of year</u>	<u>No. of houses</u> (1)	<u>Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)</u> (2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17(2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	-	-

E. Purchase of Houses by agreement

	<u>No. of houses</u> (1)	<u>Number of occupants of houses in column (1)</u> (2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Order purchased in the year.	-	-

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS. GRANTS

Twenty-seven schemes were submitted and approved during the year. The total cost of the improvements amounted to £9,390 and grants paid amounted to £1,218.

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs	12
Number of dwellings made fit	12
Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act. (Demolition and Closing Orders)	1
Number of inspections of clearance areas	-
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment	2

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958
Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	34
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants	14

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair	1
Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedying of Defects	1

Housing (general)

Number of inspections re housing applications	12
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

Tents, Vans and Sheds	-
Aged and Infirm Persons	-
Vermin	2
Dirty Houses	1
Offensive accumulations	2
Offensive odours	1
Nuisance from Keeping of Animals	-

NOTICES SERVED

	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health Acts	10	3
Housing Acts	1	-

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACT

i. House Structure

(a) External

Chimney Stacks	Nil
Roofs	2
Gutters and fall pipes	1
Brickwork, pointing and rendering	1
Windows (including cords)	4
Doors	4
Decorations	1
Outbuildings	Nil
Yard Surfacing	Nil

(b) Internal

Plasterwork (walls and ceilings)	3
Doors and Cupboards	Nil
Fireplace and stoves	1
Staircase	1
Floors (including under floor ventilation)	2
Miscellaneous repairs	5

ii. Dampness to dwellings

Walls	10
Floors	3

iii. Foodstore to dwellings

Made satisfactory	2
Provided	Nil

iv.	<u>Water Supply to Dwellings</u>	
	Well supplies made adequate and safe	Nil
	Wells discontinued and main water provided	Nil
	Service piping renewed	Nil
	Sinks renewed	Nil
	Drainers renewed or provided	Nil
v.	<u>Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings</u> (including compartments)	2
	Repaired	4
	New Provided	1
	Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets	Nil
vi.	<u>Ventilation of dwellings</u>	
	Improved	Nil
vii.	<u>Drainage - general</u>	
	Drains renewed or repaired	8
	Drains cleared	7
viii.	<u>Natural Lighting of Dwellings</u>	
	Improved	Nil
ix.	Stability of Buildings Remedied	1
x.	Dustbins Renewed	Nil

HOUSING

(i)	No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31-12-62	80
(ii)	No. of Council houses built during the year	22
(iii)	No. of Private houses built during the year	38

SUPERVISION OF HOP-PICKERS CAMPS

There are no Hop-picker's camps in the Borough

HOLIDAY CAMPS AND CARAVAN SITES

There are no holiday camps or caravan sites in the Borough.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

This work is done by a private Contractor at the property owner/occupier's expense.

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) is	...	1,740
Total number of houses connected to the sewers	...	1,383
Number of houses not connected to the sewers	...	165
Number of premises connected to cesspools	...	180
Number of premises with pail closets	...	12

REFUSE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection is made through out the district and a fortnightly collection in outlying parts.

SALVAGE

A waste paper collection scheme is in operation.

DISINFESTATION

No disinfection of dwellings was necessary during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Reg- ister (2)	Inspec- tions (3)	ritten Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	25	8	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	25	8	-	-

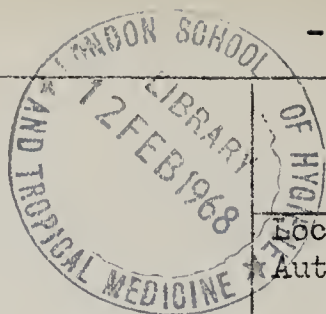
2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspec- tor (4)	By H.M. Inspec- tor (5)	
Effective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act O Outwork

There are no Outworkers employed in the Borough

RODENT CONTROL



Type of Property
Non-Agricultural

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	All Other (including Business Premises)	Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	10	1,610	430	2,050	129
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of:-					
(a) Notification	4	23	10	37	-
(b) Survey under the Act	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	-	-	-	-
3. Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections. (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	- - - -	- - - -	Not available	- - - -	- - - -
4. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. 11) which were found to be infested by:-					
(a) Rats { Major	-	-	-	-	-
{ Minor	3	23	9	35	-
(b) Mice { Major	-	-	-	-	-
{ Minor	1	-	1	2	-
5. Number of infested properties (in Sect. 1V) treated by the local authority	4	23	10	37	-
6. Total treatment carried out - including re-treatments. (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	- - - -	- - - -	Not available	- - - -	- - - -
7. Number of notices served under Sect. 4 of the Act.					
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work (i.e. Proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
8. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4. of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
10. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-